

"HOME RUN" BAKER REGRETS ACT WHICH CAUSED LOSS OF \$34,000

Offered \$8000 a Year for Three Years With a \$10,000 Bonus, Baker Rejected the Federal Offer, Hoping to Dicker With Organized Baseball; Now Feds Are Gone, and He Will Get Only a Small Salary.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Those moaning sounds that have filled the air during the past week of 30 are cries of anguish that escape from the lips of a man who has been a "home run" for the federal league.

Just a few months ago, Frankie Baker was approached by federal league agents, who spoke to him in the words: "Come and join us. We will give you \$10,000 in cash as a bonus and we will give you an iron clad three year contract calling for \$8,000 per year."

"Just to show you that we mean business," spoke up James A. Gilmore, "I hand you herewith ten \$100 bills and I place before you a contract stating that we will pay you \$10,000 a year and guarantee the payment of the same."

Baker looked at the money and the contract. He hesitated and he hesitated. He started to say: "All right, I'll sign it." But he stopped. He looked at the money and the contract. He hesitated and he hesitated.

"But," interposed Gilmore, "we offer you \$34,000 for three years. That's as much as you'd earn in organized baseball in six years."

But Baker threw down the federal offer, he said he would like to take the matter up again next spring—meaning the spring of 1916.

And now the feds are dead. If Baker wants to go back into organized baseball he will have to go back at any sort of salary that the club owners decide to pay him. That probably will be in the neighborhood of \$1500 a year. Oh, yes, Baker is worth more than that—but ball players, in the future, aren't going to get all they are worth. And you must remember, too, that Baker is "in bad" with his owners.

Fate—And Hank Gowdy. Hank Gowdy's case is without parallel in the history of baseball. Hank never was a real swatter. He always could club them for 250 or so—but what's that in these days of Ty Cobb's and Tris Speaker's?

During the regular 1914 season, Hank plunked 'em out for an average well under 200. When the dopesters got busy figuring out what the players were worth in the 1914 world series between the Braves and the Athletics, no one figured that Hank would amount to a darn with the war club.

But that very same Hank became the batting sensation of the series. He went to bat 11 times and banged out six hits. He made four two baggers, a triple and a home run, the greatest slugging average ever compiled by a world series combatant. It was Hank and his bat that put the Athletics to rout and enabled the Braves to establish a record of victory in four straight games.

Hank leaped from comparative batting obscurity into fame during that four series—and since then he has slugged back again to normal.

"Every time I think about Hank," says Jim Gaffney, his boss, "I marvel at the strange workings of fate."

Notwithstanding the delayed international polo events on account of the European war, the growth of the sport continues in this country. A number of new clubs have been proposed for election at the next meeting of the committee, and new grounds have been recently constructed or are in the course of construction at San Mateo, Calif.; St. Louis, Mo.; White Plains, N. Y.; Narragansett Pier, R. I.; Dayton, Ohio; Piping Rock and Meadow Brook, L. I.

There is a steadily growing interest in army circles because of the many features of the game which are advantageous toward military training; also on account of the height of the mounts having been raised by the polo association, which conforms to certain limits of the government standard for military mounts, thus making it possible to use the same for both purposes.

A pathetic instance is shown in the will of the late Capt. Francis Grenfell, of the Ninth Lancers, whom with his twin brother, Capt. Riverdale Grenfell, was an expert polo player, both having been killed in the present war. His will stipulates: "I give to my regiment, to whom the honor of my gaining the Victoria Cross was entirely due, thanks to the splendid discipline and traditions which exist in this magnificent regiment, all my medals, including the Victoria Cross."

"My pony, Pearl of Price, which was ridden by my brother, Capt. Riverdale Grenfell, all through the retreat from the Victoria Cross was entirely due, thanks to the splendid discipline and traditions which exist in this magnificent regiment, all my medals, including the Victoria Cross."

YALE HAS GOOD YET EVEN WITH TEAM New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Even with a losing team Yale has found the most profitable year.

Football has proved more popular than ever by the sale of tickets at the receipts for the last season. It is estimated that Yale will receive a high water mark sum of \$115,000 from the sale of tickets last fall.

The total receipts from the \$7,750 tickets sold for the Yale-Princeton game will be \$111,500; the receipts from the 47,000 tickets to the Yale-Harvard game will be \$84,000; from the Yale-Brown game the receipts were about \$10,000 and from the six preliminary games of the season about \$16,000; making the total receipts of the season nearly a quarter of a million—or to be exact, \$231,500.

SINCLAIR WILL NOT STAND GOOD FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTS New York, Jan. 4.—Harry Sinclair, owner of the Newark Federal league franchise, will not guarantee all Federal league contracts nor will he disburse of all the Federal league players, said James A. Gilmore, president of the Federal league.

"There has been an erroneous opinion ever since the present meetings that Mr. Sinclair will guarantee the salaries of all Federal league players, and it seems time for me to deny it," he said.

JUAREZ ENTRIES

35th Day, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

First race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
5992 Jennie Small	90
5918 Andrew Johnston	85
7012 Thelma	80
7017 Nina K.	80
6983 Jack Harrison	97
6982 Selvad Queen	100
7030 Jumella	100
6915 Marie Coghill	100
6916 George	100
7011 Cefacio	110
6928 Cruzola	110
6925 Gallant Boy	110
6984 Charles Fox	110
7019 Wamell	110
6989 Taboo	110

Second race—Selling; three year olds. Six furlongs.	
7021 Dash	97
6999 C. M. Ladson	97
7011 Little Blues	97
6932 Lela	100
7012 Neil	100
6923 Industry	100
7021 Thelma Marie	100
7021 Crustace	100

Third race—Selling; four year olds and upward. Six furlongs.	
6982 Helen James	94
7012 Lady James	94
7018 Tillotson	100
6959 Boggy	100
6965 Dixie Mink	100
7012 Bar Master	100
7019 Benmont	100
7020 Ed Plunk	100
7025 Real Worth	100
6920 Argent	100
7019 Ed. Randall	100
7030 Terdillo	100
6957 Willis	100
7025 Kid Nelson	100

Fourth race—Handicap; "Selling"; three year olds and upward. One mile.	
7021 Lackey	100
7025 Dunderbary	100
7021 Ogo Star	100
7025 Hard Ball	100
7025 King Box	100

Fifth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7018 Andy H.	97
6916 Blue Point	97
6917 Miles Sedalia	100
7006 Rhodes	100
7019 Tiera	100
6917 Sweden	100
7012 Katharine G.	100
6942 Aswan	100
7018 Sam Ham	100
7021 Orkney	100
7025 Marshal Highman	100
6922 Joe Husher	100
7025 Hazy Lad	100
7011 High Street	100
7022 Pro Realis	100

Sixth race—Selling; four year olds and upward. Six furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Seventh race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Eighth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Ninth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Tenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Eleventh race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twelfth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Thirteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Fourteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Fifteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Sixteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Seventeenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Eighteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Nineteenth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twentieth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-first race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-second race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-third race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-fourth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-fifth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-sixth race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101

Twenty-seventh race—Selling; three year olds and upward. Seven furlongs.	
7004 Super	101
6913 Salsador	101
7015 Valdelid	101
7021 Sinal	101
7025 R. J. Jones	101
1014 Alisa Paige	101
7026 Salls O'Day	101
6915 Electrowan	101
7025 Robt. Mantell	101
7025 Delaney	101
7019 Bright	101
6951 Rock Davis	101